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Dated: March 19, 2013.

**James W. Runcie,**

*Chief Operating Officer, Federal Student Aid.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of Energy Information Center, Office of Science and Technical Information, 1 Science.gov Way, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melyssa P. Noe, Federal Coordinator, Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office, P.O. Box 2001, EM-90, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865) 241-3315; Fax (865) 576-0956 or email:

[noemp@oro.doe.gov](mailto:noemp@oro.doe.gov) or check the Web site at [www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab](http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Board:** The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

#### Tentative Agenda

- Welcome and Announcements.
- Comments from the Deputy Designated Federal Officer.
- Comments from the DOE, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and Environmental Protection Agency Liaisons.
- Public Comment Period.
- Presentation on EM Portfolio Plans.
- Additions/Approval of Agenda.
- Motions/Approval of March 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes.
- Status of Recommendations with DOE.
- Committee Reports.
- Federal Coordinator Report.
- Adjourn.

**Public Participation:** The EM SSAB, Oak Ridge, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Melyssa P. Noe at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to the agenda item should contact Melyssa P. Noe at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

**Minutes:** Minutes will be available by writing or calling Melyssa P. Noe at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: <http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab/minutes.htm>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on March 15, 2013.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

#### Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Representative Average Unit Costs of Energy

**AGENCY:** Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In this notice, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is forecasting the representative average unit costs of five residential energy sources for the year 2013 pursuant to the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. The five sources are electricity, natural gas, No. 2 heating oil, propane, and kerosene.

**DATES:** The representative average unit costs of energy contained in this notice will become effective April 22, 2013 and will remain in effect until further notice.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

John Cymbalsky, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Forrestal Building, Mail Station EE-2J 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, (202) 287-1692, *Rep\_Average\_Unit\_Costs@ee.doe.gov*.

Francine Pinto, Esq. U.S. Department of Energy, Office of General Counsel Forrestal Building, Mail Station GC-72, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585-0103, (202) 586-7432, *Francine.Pinto@hq.doe.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 323 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Act) requires that DOE prescribe test procedures for the measurement of the estimated annual operating costs or other measures of energy consumption for certain consumer products specified in the Act. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(3)) These test procedures are found in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 430, subpart B.

Section 323(b)(3) of the Act requires that the estimated annual operating costs of a covered product be calculated from measurements of energy use in a representative average use cycle or period of use and from representative average unit costs of the energy needed to operate such product during such cycle. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(3)) The section further requires that DOE provide information to manufacturers regarding the representative average unit costs of energy. (42 U.S.C. 6293(b)(4)) This cost

information should be used by manufacturers to meet their obligations under section 323(c) of the Act. Most notably, these costs are used to comply with Federal Trade Commission (FTC) requirements for labeling. Manufacturers are required to use the revised DOE representative average unit costs when the FTC publishes new ranges of comparability for specific covered products, 16 CFR part 305. Interested parties can also find information covering the FTC labeling requirements at <http://www.ftc.gov/appliances>.

DOE last published representative average unit costs of residential energy in a **Federal Register** notice entitled, "Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Representative Average Unit Costs of Energy", dated April 26, 2012, 77 FR 24940.

On April 22, 2013, the cost figures published in today's notice will become

effective and supersede those cost figures published on April 26, 2012. The cost figures set forth in today's notice will be effective until further notice.

DOE's Energy Information Administration (EIA) has developed the 2013 representative average unit after-tax residential costs found in this notice. These costs for electricity, natural gas, No. 2 heating oil, and propane are based on simulations used to produce the March 2013, *EIA Short-Term Energy Outlook* (EIA releases the *Outlook* monthly). The representative average unit after-tax cost for kerosene is derived from its price relative to that of heating oil, based on the 2008–2012 averages for these fuels. The source for these price data is the February 2013, *Monthly Energy Review* DOE/EIA-0035 (2013/02). The *Short-Term Energy Outlook* and the *Monthly Energy Review* are available on the EIA Web site at

<http://www.eia.doe.gov>. Propane prices are econometric modeling projections based on historical Weekly Petroleum Status Report winter prices and Mont Belvieu (Texas) spot and futures prices. For more information on the data sources used in this Notice, contact the National Energy Information Center, Forrestal Building, EI-30, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586–8800, email: [infoctr@eia.doe.gov](mailto:infoctr@eia.doe.gov).

The 2013 representative average unit costs under section 323(b)(4) of the Act are set forth in Table 1, and will become effective April 22, 2013. They will remain in effect until further notice.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 12, 2013.

**David Danielson,**

*Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.*

TABLE 1—REPRESENTATIVE AVERAGE UNIT COSTS OF ENERGY FOR FIVE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SOURCES (2013)

| Type of energy          | Per million Btu <sup>1</sup> | In commonly used terms                                         | As required by test procedure |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Electricity .....       | \$35.46                      | 12.1¢/kWh <sup>2,3</sup> .....                                 | \$0.121/kWh                   |
| Natural Gas .....       | 10.87                        | \$1.087/therm <sup>4</sup> or \$11.12/MCF <sup>5,6</sup> ..... | \$0.00001087/Btu              |
| No. 2 Heating Oil ..... | 27.40                        | \$3.80/gallon <sup>7</sup> .....                               | \$0.00002740/Btu              |
| Propane .....           | 26.39                        | \$2.41/gallon <sup>8</sup> .....                               | \$0.00002639/Btu              |
| Kerosene .....          | 31.19                        | \$4.21/gallon <sup>9</sup> .....                               | \$0.00003119/Btu              |

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Short-Term Energy Outlook* (March 12, 2013) and *Monthly Energy Review* (February 25, 2013).

Notes: Prices include taxes.

<sup>1</sup> Btu stands for British thermal units.

<sup>2</sup> kWh stands for kilowatt hour.

<sup>3</sup> 1 kWh = 3,412 Btu.

<sup>4</sup> 1 therm = 100,000 Btu.

<sup>5</sup> MCF stands for 1,000 cubic feet.

<sup>6</sup> For the purposes of this table, one cubic foot of natural gas has an energy equivalence of 1,023 Btu.

<sup>7</sup> For the purposes of this table, one gallon of No. 2 heating oil has an energy equivalence of 138,690 Btu.

<sup>8</sup> For the purposes of this table, one gallon of liquid propane has an energy equivalence of 91,333 Btu.

<sup>9</sup> For the purposes of this table, one gallon of kerosene has an energy equivalence of 135,000 Btu.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14491–000; Project No. 13579–002]

#### Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency; FFP Qualified Hydro 14, LLC; Notice of Competing Preliminary Permit Applications Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On February 1, 2013, Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency and FFP Qualified Hydro 14, LLC filed preliminary permit applications

pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act proposing to study the feasibility of a hydropower project, to be located at the existing Saylorville Lock and Dam on the Des Moines River, in the city of Johnston in Polk County, Iowa. FFP Qualified Hydro 14, LLC's application is for a successive preliminary permit. Saylorville Lock and Dam is owned by the United States government and operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owner's express permission.

Western Minnesota Municipal Power Agency's proposed project would consist of: (1) A new 80-foot-long by 35-foot-wide by 95-foot-high concrete intake; (2) three new 14-foot-diameter by 740-foot long conduits; (3) a new 100-foot-long by 50-foot-wide concrete powerhouse with three 5-megawatt (MW) turbines, having a combined generating capacity of 15 MW; (4) three new 7.5–MW generator units; (5) a 100-foot-long by 75-foot-wide substation; (6) a new 3.73-mile-long, 69-kilovolt transmission line; and (7) appurtenant facilities. The project would have an estimated annual generation of 66 gigawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Raymond J. Wahle, 3724 W. Avera Drive, Sioux Falls, SD 57109; (605) 330–6963.

FFP Qualified Hydro 14, LLC's proposed project would consist of: (1) A new 400-foot-long by 300-foot-wide